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Planning, Environmental & Regulatory Division

To Interested Parties

The purpose of this letter is to announce the availability and extension of the public comment period for the following two documents: 1) the Draft Master Plan Revision, Addicks and Barker Reservoirs, Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries, Fort Bend Counties, Texas; and 2) the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Master Plan Revision, Addicks and Barker Reservoirs, Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries, Fort Bend and Harris Counties, Texas. The previously announced closing date for public comment was August 10, 2008. This letter extends the closing date for public comment to September 12, 2008. The documents are available at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Galveston District website at: http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/.

Addicks and Barker Reservoirs and Dams are located west of Houston in the vicinity of the Highway 6 and Interstate Highway 10 intersection. The sole authorized purpose of the dams and reservoirs is flood risk management. Where feasible, reservoir lands have been made available for recreational development under guidance outlined in the current Master Plan, last updated in 1986. The Draft Master Plan Revision proposes changes to land use classifications of Federal lands at Addicks and Barker Reservoirs and the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) addresses potential effects associated with the proposed land use reclassifications. The reclassification of land use is necessary to reflect current values and policies concerning recreation, wildlife, and vegetation management.

We would appreciate your review of the document and your response, if any, arriving at this office on or before September 12, 2008, so that it can be included in the Final Master Plan Revision and the Final EA. Electronic comments may be submitted at:

<u>AddicksBarkerReservoirs.MasterPlan@usace.army.mil</u>. Please address written comments to:

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Sincerely,

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